

# **Driver License Division**

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### **Applying for an Alabama Driver License or Non-driver Identification Card**

#### **Driver or Learner License (age 16 and older)**

- Two forms of identification, at least one of which contains a photograph (one form must be from the “primary” list, in addition to the Social Security card) *or* three forms of nonphoto identification (one form must be from the “primary” list, in addition to the Social Security card).
- Social Security number verification.\*
- Acceptable school enrollment form or proof of graduation (if younger than 19 and applying for the first time).\*\*
- \$5 test fee (no checks).
- Applicants 18 or older who wish to complete all testing for a license must have a licensed driver, proof of car insurance and a vehicle that will pass inspection.
- \$23 to purchase license (no checks).

#### **Learner License (age 15)**

- U.S. birth certificate (certified and issued by the Bureau of Vital Statistics).
- Social Security number verification.\*
- Acceptable proof of school enrollment or graduation.\*\*
- \$5 testing fee (no checks).
- \$23 to purchase license (no checks).

#### **CDL or CDL Learner License Applicants**

- Current driver license.
- Social Security verification.\*
- If transferring from out of state, applicant must present one document from the “primary” list (in addition to the Social Security number document).
- Current Department of Transportation long medical form (unless medically exempt).
- \$25 testing fee (no checks).
- Transportation Security Administration background check if transferring or obtaining a hazardous materials endorsement.
- If not a U.S. citizen, applicant must legally be in permanent status in the United States and domiciled in Alabama.

*for more information contact:*

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- Skills test if upgrading a license or first-time applicant (test by appointment only; \$20 skills test fee).
- Proof of insurance.
- \$53 to purchase class “A” license.
- \$43 to purchase class “B” license.
- \$23 to purchase class “C” license.
- \$23 to purchase commercial learner license.
- \$23 to purchase “school bus only” license.

### Motor-Driven Cycle License (ages 14 and 15)

- U.S. birth certificate (certified and issued by the Bureau of Vital Statistics), *or* Alabama non-driver identification card *or* Alabama vessel license.
- Social Security number verification.\*
- Third form of identification from “secondary” list (if other identification is non-photo).
- Fifteen-year-old applicants must have acceptable proof of school enrollment or graduation.\*\*
- \$5 testing fee (no checks).
- \$23 to purchase motor-driven cycle license (no checks).

### Out-of-State License Transfers

- Out-of-state driver license.
- Social Security verification.\*
- One item from “primary” list, in addition to the Social Security card.
- Proof of school enrollment or graduation (if younger than 19).\*\*
- \$5 transfer fee (no checks).
- \$23 to purchase license (no checks).

### Vessel License (age 12 and older)

- U.S. birth certificate (certified and issued by the Bureau of Vital Statistics).
- Social Security number verification.\*
- One other item from “secondary” list.
- \$5 for test or transfer fee (no checks).
- \$23 to purchase license.

### Non-Driver Identification Card

- One document from the “primary list” which verifies name and date of birth.

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- Social Security number verification.\*
- Third form of identification from the “primary” or “secondary” lists (required only if primary document is non-photo).
- \$23 to purchase non-driver identification card.

### Non-U.S. Citizens

- A valid foreign passport with an acceptable visa **or** resident alien card.
- Social Security number verification\* **or** letter from Social Security stating non-eligibility.
- Document from the “secondary” list showing at least 160 allowable days left to remain in U.S.
- \$5 test or transfer fee (no checks).
- Acceptable school enrollment or graduation proof (if younger than 19).\*\*

### \*Social Security Verification

- Social Security card (original).
- Certified letter on letterhead from the Social Security Administration stating applicant’s name and number.
- U.S. military identification card.
- U.S. military form DD 214.
- Medicare/Medicaid identification card (if Social Security number is followed by the letter “A”).
- W2 tax form.

### \*\*School Enrollment Documents

- Form DL1/93.
- Certificate of graduation.
- GED certificate.
- Certified letter from school officials stating student is enrolled.
- Report card (most recent).
- Transcript (current).



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### **Acceptable Forms of Identification (Primary and Secondary)**

#### **Primary Documents**

- Certified U.S. birth certificate (hospital record/certificate not acceptable).
- U.S. passport.
- Alabama identification card.
- Alabama driver license.
- Certificate of naturalization.
- Certificate of citizenship.
- U.S. certificate of birth abroad.
- Resident alien card.
- Social Security card.
- Valid foreign passport.

#### **Secondary Documents**

- Driver license issued in the United States.
- Current international driver license/permit.
- Marriage license.
- U.S. armed forces driver license.
- U.S. military DD 214.
- Professional license.
- Selective Service card.
- Veterans Administration card.
- Current medical insurance identification card.
- School identification (with photo).
- School enrollment form.
- W2 tax form.
- Documents from court record.
- Divorce decree.
- Bankruptcy decree.

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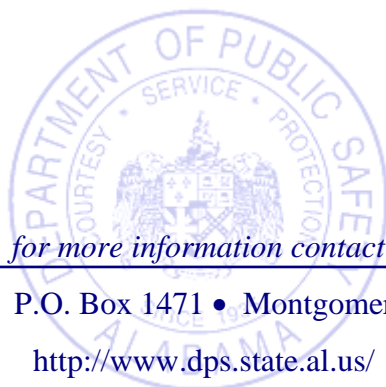
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### **Additional Secondary Documents for Non-U.S. Citizens**

- Employment authorization document with valid Social Security card.
- Valid visa authorizing presence in the U.S. for a period of 160 days or more.
- Valid employment authorization document issued by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

### **Additional Secondary Documents for Non-U.S. Citizens, continued**

- Valid I-94 arrival/departure record issued by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.
- Original I-797 notice of action issued by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, showing approval of change of status or extension of stay.
- Original I-797 notice of action issued by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, evidencing timely filing of an extension petition.



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### **Requirements for Removing Licensing Restrictions**

#### **Restriction A**

- Corrective Lenses: Must have acceptable form DIER-2 or a letter completed on letterhead by an optometrist or ophthalmologist stating an acceptable reading.

#### **Restrictions D, H, and I**

- Outside Mirrors: Must have acceptable form DIER-2 or a letter completed on letterhead by an optometrist or ophthalmologist stating an acceptable reading.

#### **Restriction Y**

- Learner License:
  - Must hold learner license for at least six months if younger than 18;
  - Must be accompanied by a licensed driver;
  - Must have proof of vehicle insurance;
  - Must have vehicle that will pass inspection for licensing skills test;
  - Must be accompanied by parent or legal guardian if 16.

